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AIR BASES ORDER 8010.1E

From: Commander  
To: Distribution List

Subj: PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING FOUND/DISCOVERED EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE  
OR IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES (IEDs)

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5500.4E  
(b) MCO 4340.1

1. Purpose. To establish procedures for handling found/discovered explosive ordnance or improvised explosive devices (IEDs - clandestine homemade bombs) aboard Marine Corps Air Stations.

2. Cancellation. ABO 8010.1D.

3. General

a. In the interest of safety to personnel and property, explosive ordnance items found aboard Marine Corps Air Stations in unauthorized areas and thought to be in a hazardous condition will be handled only by explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) personnel.

b. Individual(s) making discovery of hazardous explosive ordnance, IEDs, or receiving bomb threats, should implement only those actions necessary to prevent injury or loss of life, when feasible.

c. Each incident will vary due to location and type/size of explosive device. Individual action must be based on the specific situation at the time of discovery. All personnel should be constantly aware that explosive devices, especially IEDs can be detonated by shock, vibration, movement, heat, and/or electrical impulse. In such cases the cardinal rule must be: "Don't Touch!"

4. Action

a. Individual. Any individual who discovers an item of explosive ordnance suspected to be in a hazardous condition, or an IED aboard a Marine Corps Air Station, shall take immediate action as follows:

(1) Sound an alarm and evacuate the area of all personnel to a radius of 300 yards minimum. Evacuation must be rapid, but orderly to ensure a minimum of shock/vibration, especially in the case of frame structures. Running should be curtailed until clear of the structure.

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(2) Make notifications in the following order:

(a) Local Military Police. Provide estimate of situation so that a sufficient number of military police can respond to establish a secure perimeter around the threatened area.

(b) Unit commander having jurisdiction of threatened building/area, or the unit duty officer, if incident occurs after working hours.

(c) Standby to direct emergency teams/vehicles to site of the threat.

b. Threatened Unit Commander. Upon notification that an explosive device suspected to be in a hazardous condition, or an IED has been discovered, the commander having jurisdiction over the threatened building or area shall take the following action:

(1) Confirm that the military police have been notified.

(2) Determine that evacuation of personnel is complete and security measures have been implemented to ensure inadvertent ingress to the area is not possible.

(3) EOD personnel will not be used for searches. The limited number of trained/qualified EOD personnel restricts their employment to those specialized functions necessary to rendering safe, removal and disposal of explosive devices after discovery. Ensure no interference to EOD personnel during these functions.

(4) Upon request, provide assistance to EOD personnel from within organic assets if possible.

(5) Found explosive ordnance, whether suspected to be hazardous or not must be reported to Headquarters Marine Corps (POS) following references (a) and (b) by the unit which found it.

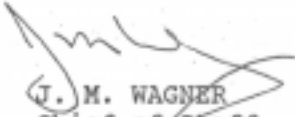
(6) Found ordnance which is in a safe condition should be turned into the unit's Marine Corps Property Office for disposition.

c. EOD Team. The senior EOD team member shall have the responsibility to identify, establish procedures, and direct other action as necessary for rendering safe, removing, and disposing/destroying items of explosive ordnance or IEDs discovered. The senior member shall employ all safeguards deemed necessary to maximize the protection of personnel and property.

d. All Unit Commanders. Unit commanders shall ensure that all unit personnel are knowledgeable of this Order; that a copy is included in the duty officer/duty noncommissioned officer instructions.

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5. Concurrence. The Commanding General, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing and Commanding Officers, Combat Service Support Detachment 14, Marine Aircraft Group 46, Marine Corps Air Stations Camp Pendleton, Tustin and Yuma concur in the provisions of this Order.

  
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